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**REMARKS**

The specification was amended to correct a number of typographical errors. Fig. 1 was amended to include word labels for the control/acquisition system 18 and autosampler 36. Claims 1, 2, 23, 25, 39-42, and 45-48 were amended to correct several typographical errors and to more appropriately reflect Applicant's desired claim scope supported by the specification and drawings. No new matter has been introduced.

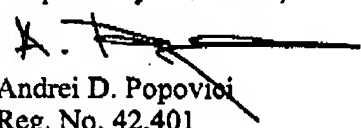
Consideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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